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**KANSAS BULLETIN NO. KS300-17-35**

**SUBJECT: LTP-Fiscal Year 2017 Conservation Stewardship Program-Ranking Pool Acreage Allocation**

**Purpose:** Provide notification of the fiscal year (FY) 2017 acreage allocation for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2018

Kansas has received an initial FY2017 sign-up allocation of 281,337 acres for agricultural land and for non-industrial private forestland (NIPF).

Each state is mandated to set aside five percent of its allocation for socially disadvantaged farmers/ranchers (SDF/R), and five percent for beginning farmers/ranchers (BF/R). The total set-asides are 28,133.7 acres for SDF/R, BF/R agricultural land, and NIPF applications. There will also be 5,000 acres kept in the state office reserve that will come out of the agricultural land allocation.

The remaining 248,203.3 acres available for agricultural land and NIPF were distributed to match the percent agricultural land in each area. The data was gathered from the 2012 Agriculture Census.

Area	Percent from Census	Agricultural Land/NIPF Acres
1	34.1	84,637.4
2	34.8	86,374.7
3	13.0	32,266.4
4	18.1	44,924.8
State Total	100.0	248,203.3

The acres have been released by national headquarters and will be distributed by the State Office Program Staff via the Program Contracts System (ProTracts). The pre-approval ranking threshold scores for each will be established based on these acre allocations.

**Contact:** Please forward questions and concerns, through established channels, to Kasey M. Robinson, Resource Conservationist, at [kasey.robinson@ks.usda.gov](mailto:kasey.robinson@ks.usda.gov) or 785-823-4568.

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